

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A process for the preparation of an enzyme-containing granulate suitable for use in an animal feed, the process comprising obtaining a dry enzyme containing granulate and coating the granulate with a dispersion comprising particles of a hydrophobic substance dispersed in a suitable solvent.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the particles have a size have a size ranging from 10 to 1000 nm (border values included).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic substance has a melting point between 40 and 200 °C.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic substance is applied at 0.1 - 20% (weight hydrophobic substance per weight of the granules).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the solvent is water.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic substance dispersion contains 10 to 60 % (w/w) hydrophobic substance.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic substance is a hydrophobic fat- or wax-like substance and/or a hydrophobic polymer.

Claim 8 (Original): A process according to claim 7, wherein the hydrophobic polymer is a polyolefin.

Claim 9 (Original): A process according to claim 8, wherein the polyolefin is polyethylene and/or polypropylene.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 8, wherein the polyolefin dispersion is a dispersion of polyolefins containing acidic groups which are stabilized by an amine.

Claim 11 (Original): A process according to claim 10, wherein the acidic groups are carboxylic groups.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 10, wherein the amine is ammonia.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the enzyme is a phytase, xylanase, β -glucanase, protease, phospholipase, amylase and/or glucose oxidase.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): An enzyme-containing granulate coated with a dispersion of particles ~~consisting~~ consisting essentially of a hydrophobic substance obtained by a process ~~according to claim 1~~ for the preparation of an enzyme-containing granulate suitable for use in an animal feed, the process comprising obtaining a dry enzyme containing granulate and coating the granulate with a dispersion comprising particles of a hydrophobic substance dispersed in a suitable solvent.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A process for the preparation of an animal feed, or a premix or precursor to an animal feed, said process comprising mixing the granulate according to claim 14 with one or more animal feed substances or ingredients.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 15, wherein the mixture of feed substance(s) and the granulate is treated with steam, pelletised and cooled.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A feed composition comprising the granulate according to claim 14.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A process for promoting the growth of an animal, the process comprising feeding an animal a diet that comprises either the granulate or the composition according to claim 17.

Claims 19-20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (New): A granulate according to claim 14, wherein the particles have a size ranging from 10 to 1000 nm (border values included).

Claim 22 (New): A granulate according to claim 14, wherein the hydrophobic substance has a melting point between 40 and 200 °C.

Claim 23 (New): A granulate according to claim 14, wherein the hydrophobic substance is applied at 0.1 – 20 % (weight hydrophobic substance per weight of the granules).

Claim 24 (New): A granulate according to claim 14, wherein the hydrophobic substance dispersion contains 10 to 60 % (w/w) hydrophobic substance.

Claim 25 (New): A granulate according to claim 14, wherein the hydrophobic substance is a hydrophobic fat- or wax-like substance and/or a hydrophobic polymer.

Claim 26 (New): A granulate according to claim 14, wherein the hydrophobic polymer is a polyolefin.

Claim 27 (New): A granulate according to claim 26, wherein the polyolefin is polyethylene.

Claim 28 (New): A granulate according to claim 26, wherein the polyolefin is polypropylene.

Claim 29 (New): A granulate according to claim 26, wherein the polyolefin dispersion is a dispersion of polyolefins containing acidic groups which are stabilized by an amine.

Claim 30 (New): A granulate according to claim 29, wherein the acidic groups are carboxylic groups.

Claim 31 (New): A granulate according to claim 29, wherein the amine is ammonia.

Claim 32 (New): A granulate according to claim 14, wherein the enzyme is a phytase, xylanase, β -glucanase, protease, phospholipase, amylase and/or glucose oxidase.